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SUBJECT: AIR CARGO POUCHES AMMUNITION

REF: MADRID 6113 & 3695; 5 FAM 332.4 & 6 FAM 163

1. THE DEPT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH SIX BOXES FROM BNDD, AMEMBASSY MADRID ADDRESSED TO MARION SAEZ - SAIC BNDD MONTERREY UNDER REGISTRYNUMBERS 1787053 THROUGH 1787058 WEIGHING A TOTAL OF 220 LBS. FORM DS-1019 WAS COMPLETED STATING BOXES CONTAINED " OFFICIAL FORMS - FILES" AND SIGNED BY C. THAXTON. THIS APPEARS TO BE A FALSE STATEMENT. THE BOXES CONTAINED HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND A BOX OF AMMUNITION WHICH IS IN VIOLATION OF 5 FAM 332.4 " PROHIBITED POUCH MATERIALS". THIS VIOLATION OF SHIPPING AMMUNITION THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH COULD HAVE CAUSED GRAVE INTERNATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

2. THE AMMUNITION WILL BE FORWARDED TO BNDD/ WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS FOR THEIR DISPOSAL. THE SIX BOXES OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ARE BEING RETURNED TO MADRID VIA SURFACE POUCH FOR INCLUSION IN MR. SAEZ' S HEE SHIPMENT TO MONTERREY.

3. GREATER CONTROL OF CONTENTS OF POUCHES MUST BE EXERCISED BY THE EMBASSY TO PRECLUDE REOCCURRENCE OF POUCH ABUSES.

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SUGGEST EMBASSY REVIEW 5 FAM 300. THIS POUCH VIOLATION IS
BEING REPORTED TO DEA.

4. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO
THE DEPARTMENT THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE FALSIFI-
CATION OF FORM DS-1019. RUSH

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